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SUBJ: CODEL CANNON (GRIFFIN AND BEALL) VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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1. SENATORS GRIFFIN AND BEALL WERE RECEIVED IN PRAGUE APRIL 27 BY PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL HUSAK, PRIME MINISTER STROUGAL (AT SAME MEETING) AND, SEPARATELY, BY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE BARCAK, WHO ALSO HOSTED LUNCHEON FOR THEM. VISIT, WHICH WAS SUBSTANTIVELY INTENSIVE AND SERIOUS, TOOK PLACE IN VERY POSITIVE AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE, ENCOURAGING USEFUL EXCHANGE ON CENTRAL ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS. EXTRA- ORDINARY MEDIA ATTENTION TO VISIT REFLECTED

BOTH INTEREST IN SUBJECT OF SENATORS' TRIP AND INCREASING WILLINGNESS TO HIGHLIGHT DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETINGS WITH TOP OFFICIALS FOLLOW:

2. MEETING WITH HUSAK:

HUSAK RECEIVED HIS GUESTS AT NOON IN HRZANSKY PALACE, IN COMPANY OF STROUGAL, PARTY SECRETARY VASIL BILAK, AND FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK.

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DURING HOUR- LONG MEETING HUSAK EXPRESSED INTEREST OF HIS
GOVERNMENT
IN BETTERING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN SUPER- POWERS, I. E., US AND USSR,
ILLUSTRATED NOT ONLY BY PRESIDENT' S VISIT TO MOSCOW IN MAY, 1972,
BUT ALSO BY PROPOSED BREZHNEV VISIT TO US THIS SUMMER. HUSAK
SAID " THIS WILL HELP WARM TEMPERATURE." HUSAK EXPRESSED VIEW THAT
PERHAPS CHANGES BEING WITNESSED TODAY WILL THAT OVER TIME SUCH
ASSISTANCE WOULD BRING
INCREASING GOOD WILL, HELPING TO BRING PDRY BACK INTO
THE FOLD OF CONSTRUCTIVE PENINSULA COUNTRIES. KUWIAT
AL- HAMAD SAID WOULD NEVER GIVE MILITARY AID, BUT
WOULD CONCENTRATE ON KIND OF ASSISTANCE THAT WOULD
BENEFIT FELLOWARABS.

3. RE FONMIN' S PROPOSED TRIP TO LOWER GULF AL- HAMAD
SAID SAHIKH SABAH HAD HAD TO POSTPONE VISIT IN VIEW
OF CONTINUING BORDER PROBLEM WITH IRAQ. HOWEVER
FONMIN WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO GO AND OMAN WAS MOST
IMPORTANT PLACE TO BE VISITED. HE SAID THAT THOUGH
KUWAIT HAD NOT YET EXTENDED ASSISTANCE TO OMAN IT
WAS PREPARED TO DO SO, AND HE EXPECTED KUWAIT WOULD
EXTEND SOME ASSISTANCE FOLLOWING FONMIN' S TRIP.
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